

IMPORTANT UPDATE TO THE SPECIAL OCCUPATIONAL TAX (SOT) SUSPENSION

In November 2004, TTB issued a press release relating to the suspension of Special Occupational Tax (SOT). In the press release, TTB stated that although most taxpayers no longer will have to pay this tax during the suspension period, all taxpayers must still file the SOT Tax Return (TTB Form 5630.5) annually with TTB and TTB would issue a Special Tax Stamp as proof of registration. While the requirement to file the tax return remains in effect, **TTB has decided not to issue Special Tax Stamps to those taxpayers whose SOT has been suspended.** TTB will send lists of those persons and businesses registering to the state regulatory authority as proof of registration.

Those persons and businesses that remain liable and must pay SOT for the period beginning July 1, 2005, will be issued a Special Tax Stamp. This includes Tax-Free Alcohol Users and Specially Denatured Alcohol Users and Dealers as well as Tobacco Products Manufacturers and Tobacco Export Warehouse Proprietors.